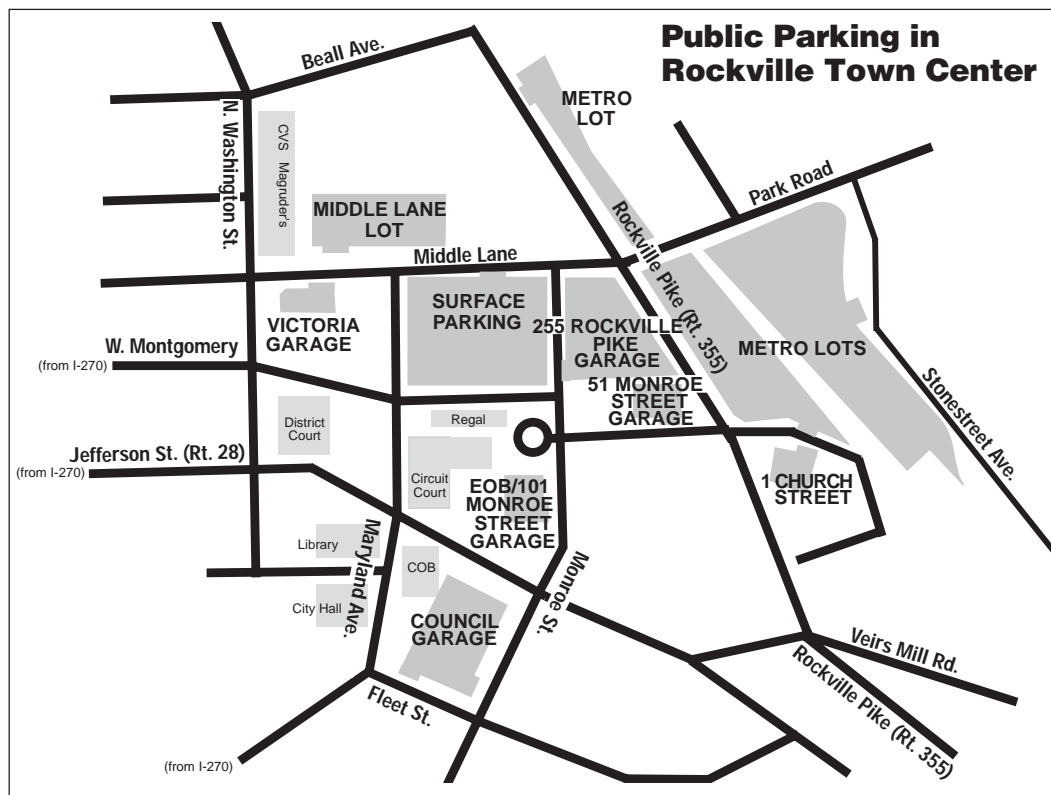
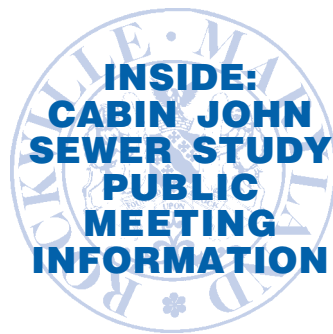


# ROCKVILLE

## Reports

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## Changes Ahead in Rockville Town Center

Rockville's Town Center is in the middle of a construction boom that when completed will offer Rockville residents a variety of new cultural, retail, and restaurant opportunities. Along the way, however, there will be a few hurdles to overcome as these major redevelopment projects begin to affect parking lots, roads, and traffic patterns.

"Areas you once parked in may soon be the sites of new buildings under construction, roads may be temporarily closed, and you may have to take a slight detour to get to your destination. But please bear with us," explained Mark Pentz, Rockville's City Manager. "All this work will result in the Town Center we've been working toward for years."

In early February, construction began on the Foulger-Pratt site on the northwest corner of East Middle Ln. and Md. Rt. 355. As a result, this area is no longer available for parking. But there are still a variety of other parking options in Town Center whether you are going to the movies, eating out, doing some shopping, or taking the Metro. The map above shows places to park while you enjoy the many great amenities Rockville Town Center already has to offer.

The following is an update of the projects that are currently underway in Rockville Town Center:

- The renovation of 401 N. Washington St. continues. It is estimated that the new tenants will be in the building by the end of the year.
- Construction of 11 N. Washington St. is

ongoing with an expected completion date in late 2001.

- Construction has begun on new restaurants in the Rockville Center retail pavilion building, including Benito's and Tara Thai. These restaurants should be open for business in the spring.
- The State Highway Administration study of Town Center intersections continues, with a public review of alternatives likely in the spring. Watch future issues of *Rockville Reports* and *The Rockville Channel* (ch. 11) for more information as it is available.

In addition, the Rockville Town Center Master Plan Advisory Group, which is made up of residents, businesses, and City staff, met in late January to present its feedback and recommendations to the initial Master Plan proposals made by the City's consultant.

This report included recognizing that there are four distinct components to the Town Center:

- The Metro station area,
- The core area around Middle Ln. and Maryland Ave.,
- The Washington St. corridor, and
- The government center.

The group's report also recommended that the major focus of the master plan should include enhancing these areas to create a vibrant Town Center. The advisory group will meet again in early March. At that time, they will review more detailed information provided by the consultants. ♦

CALL **301-309-3242** FOR MORE INFO

## Mayor and Council Modify MPDU Program

To serve more people in need, the Mayor and Council have made several improvements to the City's Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit (MPDU) program, which was established in 1990.

The major change involves extending the control period, or time during which the unit must remain an MPDU, to 30 years for both rental and sale units. Previously, the law mandated that rental units remain as MPDUs for 20 years and sale units remain as MPDUs for 10 years. But because the Mayor and Council were concerned about preserving the moderately priced housing stock that is being created, they increased this time period.

Another change to the program is that applicants are now required to submit a credit report along with their applications. The Mayor and Council also adopted a formula for determining the future rents for units based on the median income figure for this area and added a provision to give Rockville Housing Enterprises the right of first refusal to purchase units when they are offered for resale in the program.

In response to discussions with the Senior Citizens Commission during the Falls Grove Comprehensive Planned Development review process, the MPDU program also now provides priority to individuals older than age 55 for rental MPDUs. This policy was adopted to begin to address the need for housing for senior citizens in Rockville.

As of February 2001, with the addition of units at King Farm, families have been able to purchase six townhouses, five single family homes, and four condominiums through the MPDU program. In addition, 24 apartments have been rented. This spring, approximately 60 additional units will be available for sale in the King Farm and Rose Hill developments. Even more units, including townhouses and rental units, will be offered through the program in Falls Grove in 2001.

To participate in the MPDU program, you must make less than \$32,000, have a good credit history, and be able to afford the mortgage or rent payments on the unit. For a family of four, the eligibility income limit is \$45,500.

If you or someone you know is interested in purchasing or renting an MPDU, contact the Community Planning and Development Services Department to request an application. Once applications are submitted, individuals who meet the eligibility criteria are placed on a list and contacted by the builders as units become available. ♦

CALL **301-309-3200** FOR MORE INFO

## Calendar of Events

### City Events

**4 Glenview Mansion Art Gallery Opening;** 1 p.m.; Rockville Student Art Show; Call 301-309-3354

**4 Glenview Mansion Sunday Afternoon Concert;** 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.; Young Americans of Washington; Free; Call 301-309-3354

**10 National Chamber Orchestra;** 8 p.m.; F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre; Piano recital; \$19 (center), \$14 (side), and \$9 (far side); Call 301-762-8580

**11 Rockville Arts Sampler;** 3 p.m.; F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre; \$25 per couple, \$15 per person; Call 301-309-3357

**14 Bicycle Advisory Committee;** 7 p.m.; City Hall; 301-309-3344

**24 Off-Leash Testing;** 10 a.m.; Middle Ln.; Call 301-309-3115

**25 Rockville Concert Band;** 3 p.m.; F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre; Children's Concert; Free; Call 301-309-3340

**31 Rockville Civic Ballet;** 7:30 p.m.; F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre; Spring Production; \$7 general admission and \$5 seniors and students; Call 301-309-3340

*For more information about City events, call 301-309-3322. To register for Recreation and Parks' programs, call 301-309-3340.*

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# Imagine Rockville

**20 Town Center Action Team;** 7 p.m.; Red Brick Courthouse, Room 105

To join an Imagine Rockville Action Team or to find out about meetings, call the hotline at 301-315-6556 or visit the City's Web site at [www.ci.rockville.md.us](http://www.ci.rockville.md.us).

## For Seniors

**2 Front Page News;** 1 p.m.; Activity #8504; Register by Feb. 23; Free

**5,12 Photography II;** 10 a.m.; Activity #8511; Register by Feb. 22; \$9 members, \$12 non-members

**7 Birthday Party;** 1:30 p.m.; Activity #8536; Register by Feb. 28; Free

**7,13,21 Blood Pressure Screening;** 10 a.m.; Free

**8 Country French Welcome;** 1 p.m.; Activity #8519; Register by Feb. 28; \$20 members, \$25 non-members

**13 Cooking with Alana;** 10:30 a.m.; Activity #8509; Register by March 2; \$8 members, \$12 non-members

**13 Readers Group;** 7 p.m.; Activity #8502; Register by March 9; Free

**13 Nutritional Supplements;** 10:15 a.m.; Free

**15 Common Foot Problems;** 1 p.m.; Free

**15 Annuities – Myths and Realities;** 10:30 a.m.; Free

**21 Classical Music Appreciation;** 1 p.m.; Activity #8524; Register by March 14; Free

**22 Healthy Spines and Natural Allergy Relief;** 10:15 a.m.; Free

**23 Cholesterol Screening;** 10 a.m.; \$21 for age 55 or older, \$25 for younger than 55; \$2 extra for blood glucose screening

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# City Projects UPDATE

## Recreation and Parks

**Hungerford/Stoneridge Elwood Smith Community Center** • Construction bid awarded • general renovations and accessibility upgrades to include added meeting/activities room, restroom renovations, storage, and roof replacement • construction in May, with completion in September

**Dawson Farm Park** • Converting the Ritchie Pkwy. dead-end to greenspace • includes: art, historical signs, improvements to granary foundation, and changes to the stormwater management facility • construction in spring '01

**West End Skate Park** • Design complete and bid awarded • asphalt, fencing, and removal of racquetball practice walls nearly complete • equipment (ramps, rails, pipes, etc.) to be installed in April • opening in May

**Twinbrook Street Tree Replacement** • This multi-year project is ongoing • includes removing and replacing trees deemed hazardous, in major decline, or severely damaged by utilities

**General Projects Millennium Trail** • Phase I underway • includes the trail on Wootton Pkwy. from Falls Rd. to Glen Mill Rd. • design of Phase II also underway • located on Norbeck Rd. from Gude Dr. to Wootton Pkwy.

**Nature Center** • Located at Rockville Civic Center Park • the design is complete and a grant for construction has been received • bid awarded • construction in March

**I-270/Rt. 28 Bike/Pedestrian Bridge** • In design stage • a citizen and staff taskforce being formed to aid in project

**Beall-Dawson Historical Park** • Replacing steps from N. Adams St. to the sidewalk in accordance with the Historical Landscape and Master Plan Study • underway

**Parks Topographical, Tree, and Boundary Survey** • Updating topographical data for parks and grounds in the Rock Creek watershed • will provide for improved planning, asset inventory, and maintenance •

surveying will take place throughout winter and spring '01

**Playground Equipment Improvements** • Replacing equipment at Lone Oak and Welsh Parks during winter and spring '01

**City Hall Expansion** • Includes construction of a new wing and renovations to existing building to accommodate overcrowding and future staff • plan includes a new entrance on Maryland Ave. • will allow for technology and energy upgrades • various options for accommodating additional required parking being studied, focusing on on-site solutions • parking demand reduction strategies being implemented • in the design and engineering phase • construction expected in fiscal year '02

**Energy Performance and Equipment Improvement Study** • Focuses on the major City facilities • will include energy audits, system performance, equipment replacement/upgrades, maintenance operations, and energy savings • goal is to provide highly efficient, functional, and energy efficient mechanical systems • multi-year project

CALL **301-309-3330** FOR MORE INFO

## Public Works

**Lincoln Park Ashley Ave.-Lincoln Park Drainage Improvements** • Collector pipe installed along the south side of Ashley Ave. to which residents may connect their own sump pump discharge pipes • the goal is to reduce standing water in back yards and improve drainage conditions • construction in spring '01

**Town Center Maryland Ave. Extension** • Roadway design specifications to extend Maryland Ave. from Middle Ln. to Beall Ave. • design started in January

**East Rockville Horners Lane Water Tank** • Includes removing tank in spring '01 prior to the start of the Highland Rd. project • Recreation and Parks is working with neighborhoods to determine the use of the land

**West End Great Falls Road Project** • Will improve the

safety and appearance of the road from Monument St. to W. Montgomery Ave. • includes an 8-foot bike path, curb and gutter, and safety improvements • prior to road construction in April, a water line re-lining project will be completed

**General Projects Water Main Work** • Goal is to strengthen water distribution system and improve “fire flows” on Chapman Ave. and Jefferson St. • to be replaced summer '01

**Baltimore Road** Concept plan presented to residents in late January • addresses adding on-street parking, curb and gutter, traffic calming measures, and bike path sidewalk facilities between First St. and Broadwood Dr.

**Falls Road Bikeway** • Construction from Wootton Pkwy. to Dunster Rd. nearly complete • as soon as weather permits, the City will lay a final layer of asphalt, erect fences, and landscape

**Wootton Pkwy. Widening Project** Staff will evaluate the next stage of widening Wootton Pkwy. from Hurley Ave. to Scott Dr. in '02 • will include evaluating demand, establishing citizen work groups, and designing • resident input sought and to be incorporated

**Brick Sidewalks in Historic District** • Preparing contract for award • work to start as soon as a contract is awarded

**Asphalt Maintenance** • Most of work scheduled for '01 in area west of I-270 • specific streets announced in spring • will run July through September

**Concrete Maintenance** • On-going project underway in Twinbrook and Fallsmead/Lower Rockshire areas • majority of work will occur south of Wootton Pkwy. and between I-270 and the railroad

**Street Lighting Improvements** • Citywide • several projects under review for construction in spring • includes work on Dundee St., Beall Ave. (between Van Buren St. and Forest Ave.), and Tower Oaks Blvd.

CALL **301-309-3220** FOR MORE INFO

## Rockville Scholarships

Applications for the Rockville Scholarship Foundation scholarships are now available at the Rockville Chamber of Commerce, Rockville City Hall, and in all high schools in the city.

Scholarships are available to: residents within the corporate city limits; students attending a high school within the city limits or Montgomery College; a member of or a child of a member of the Rockville Chamber of Commerce; or an employee or child of an employee of the City.

Completed applications, with all enclosures, must be received by May 1 for con-

sideration. Scholarships may be used at the college of your choice.❖

CALL **301-424-9300** FOR MORE INFO

## Annual District 17 Legislative Scholarships

District 17 Legislative Scholarships, sponsored by Delegates Kumar Barve, Michael Gordon, and Cheryl Kagan, are now available. You can obtain a scholarship application by calling Del. Barve's office or by visiting Del. Kagan's Web site at [www.cherylkagan.org](http://www.cherylkagan.org).

The scholarships, which can range from

\$200 to the annual tuition at the University of Maryland College Park, are awarded based on need and academic achievements and go to both undergraduate and graduate students.

To receive a scholarship, you must: be a resident of District 17; be registered to vote; submit all required material; and attend an instate school or take part in a unique program not offered at any Maryland school. The District 17 team works together with an independent committee to distribute tuition assistance to deserving constituents.

All awards are for one year only. The deadline for applications is March 15.❖

CALL **301-858-3001** FOR MORE INFO



In Brief

Cabin John Sewer Study

As the Cabin John Sewer Study comes to a close, the City will be presenting and discussing the proposed alternatives to rehabilitate and improve the sewer at a Public Information Meeting on Wednesday, March 7, at 7 p.m., at the Elwood Smith Community Center.

CALL 301-315-5760 FOR MORE INFO

Budget Dates

The City of Rockville’s budget season continues, and as it does, here are some dates to remember:

- April 9 – City Manager’s budget presentation
- April 10 – Proposed budget available
- April 30 – Budget Public Hearing #1
- May 7 – Budget Public Hearing #2
- May 14 – Budget Work Session #1
- May 21 – Budget Work Session #2
- Aug. 10 – Adopted budget available

CALL 301-309-3310 FOR MORE INFO

Diversity Leadership Workshop 2001

The Mayor and Council, Human Rights Commission, and Montgomery College Office of Equity and Diversity invite students to participate in the Diversity Leadership Workshop 2001 on Saturday, May 5, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Montgomery College. This richly empowering, hands-on event gives students the tools to disarm hatred and intolerance in their schools, communities, and beyond.

The free workshop is open to all students of City of Rockville high schools and of Montgomery College. Registration has begun, and enrollment is limited to 40 high school students and 20 Montgomery College students.

CALL 301-309-3308 FOR MORE INFO

Join the Mayor and Council for a Meeting on the Go!

The City’s 2001 Walking Town Meetings begin on March 24 in the Rockshire neighborhood and will continue at different neighborhoods one Saturday each month throughout June.

During these meetings, residents will have the opporutnity to walk through their neighborhood on a scheduled route with the Mayor and Council, City staff, and other citizens and speak with them directly about issues affecting their neighborhoods. All neighborhood residents are invited to attend.

Upcoming meetings include:

- April 28, Cambridge Heights
- May 12, Woodley Gardens
- June 16, Hungerford-Stoneridge

CALL 301-315-5772 FOR MORE INFO

Senior Thrift Shop

Doing some spring cleaning? The Rockville Senior Center’s Thrift Shop needs donations of gently used items. All proceeds from the resale go to the center. Donations are tax deductible. You can leave items at the center on weekdays (Monday through Friday), from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CALL 301-309-3025 FOR MORE INFO

Free Income Tax Preparation Assistance

Rockville is offering free income tax preparation assistance to low to moderate income residents of the city. The program is underway and will run through April 10. It takes place on Tuesdays, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., at 32 Courthouse Sq. Appointments are required.

Tax preparation assistance will be provided by volunteers who have extensive backgrounds in tax preparation. Electronic filing also is available.

CALL 301-468-4179 FOR MORE INFO

REACH

Real Estate for Affordable Community Housing (REACH), a partnership between Housing Charities Inc. (HCI) and the City of Rockville is offering assistance to first-time homebuyers who are purchasing a home in the city limits.

The program can provide an interest-free loan of up to \$7,500 to eligible people who have lived or worked in the city for the past three years, never owned a home, and have a household income of less than \$78,900. There are other eligibility requirements that must be met.

CALL 301-309-3242 FOR MORE INFO

Summer Camps

Summer is just around the corner, and in 2001, the City has added some great new camps including *Sports of all Sorts* and *UK Soccer*. Resident mail-in registration is underway and walk-in registration will begin on March 5.

Summer camps start on June 25 and usually run in four, two-week sessions with the exception of specialty camps and clinics, which usually run in one-week sessions.

CALL 301-309-3340 FOR MORE INFO

Friday Family Frolics

Enjoy an evening of family fun at Rockville’s Friday Family Frolics on March 2, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center.

The free event will include family entertainment, arts and crafts, and board games. An adult must accompany children younger than 14 years old.

CALL 301-309-3340 FOR MORE INFO

Dance Away the Blues

Put on your dancin’ shoes and cut a rug with Rockville on March 30, from 8 to 10 p.m., at the Rockville Senior Center. There will be dancing to taped music and free line dancing instruction by Susan Robinson and Mary Gregg periodically throughout the evening. The cost is \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door. You must be 18 years or older to attend.

CALL 301-309-3340 FOR MORE INFO

Senior Center Gift Shop

You can find the best bargains in town for seasonal, handmade items at the Rockville Senior Center Gift Shop. The shop is open Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Tuesdays, from 4 to 6 p.m.

CALL 301-340-2362 FOR MORE INFO

Spare Bikes

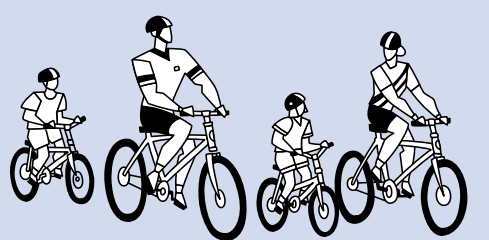
Have a spare bike that you don’t use? The City is gathering useable bikes and working with area bike shops and scout troops to perform the minor repairs needed to make them “rideable.”

Just drop off your bike at the City’s Farmers’ Market, located in the parking lot on Middle Ln. (behind the Magruder’s Shopping Center), on March 4 or April 1, from 2 to 5 p.m. These bikes will be given to Rockville residents in need of a bike along with helmets and safety training.

CALL 301-315-5796 FOR MORE INFO

Firewood and Wood Chips

You can get free firewood and wood chips at the City’s Public Works facility, 14625 Rothgeb Dr. They are located at the back of the upper lot.



Rockville Bikeways: Maryland Bike Laws


As a bike rider, you must comply with Maryland Bike Laws. The laws prohibit:

- Wearing a headset or ear plugs.
- Hitching a ride.
- Carrying a passenger unless the bike is equipped with an extra seat.
- Carrying any packages that prevent you from keeping both hands on the handlebars.
- Operating the bike in a reckless manner.
- Participating in a bike race on a public highway that hasn’t been approved by the state.

Para Ud.

Ayuda gratuita con la preparación de los impuestos

La Ciudad de Rockville les está ofreciendo a sus residentes de ingresos módicos ayuda gratuita con la preparación de los impuestos. Podrá recibir este servicio hasta el 10 de abril. El servicio tomará lugar los martes entre 7:30 PM a 9:00 PM en 32 Courthouse Square. Es requerido sacar un turno. Los ayudantes son voluntarios con extensa experiencia en la preparación de los impuestos. También podrá enviar su planilla electrónicamente. Llame al 301-468-4179 para más información.



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**27** Lily Ponds Garden Seminar; 10:30 a.m.; Activity #223; Register by March 20; Free

**27** Growing, Drying, and Using Herbs; 7 p.m.; Activity #215; Register by March 20; \$8 members, \$11 non-members; \$8 materials fee

**29** Hearing Loss; 10:15 a.m.; Free

*Activities take place at the Rockville Senior Center unless noted. For more information, call 301-309-3025. All programs with an activity number require an in-person or mail-in registration.*

For Teens

**2** Friday Night Ski Club; 3 p.m.; Ski Liberty; Pick-up and drop-off at Robert Frost Middle School; For Ski Club members only

**4** Civiteens Trip to Showlands; 8:30 a.m.; \$12.50 for pottery, \$20 for lunch; Civiteen members only

**9,23** Robert Frost Teen Club Dance; 7:30 p.m.; \$2 for Teen Club members, \$5 for non-members; For Robert Frost students only

**10** Civiteens Trip to Rainforest Cafe; 10:30 a.m.; \$20; For Civiteen members only

**16** Civiteen St. Patrick’s Day Dance; 7:30 p.m.; Montgomery County Recreation Department in Silver Spring; \$7

**16** Teen Club Laser Tag Trip; 3-6 p.m.; \$15 for Teen Club members, \$20 for non-members; Pick-up and drop-off at Julius West and Robert Frost Middle School

**27** Teen Readers Circle Trip to Barnes & Nobles; 3-4:30 p.m.; Free; Pick-up and drop-off at Robert Frost Middle School; For members only

*For more information, call the City’s Teen Program Coordinator at 301-309-3345.*





## March Program Schedule

### REGULAR PROGRAMS Mayor & Council Live

March 12, 7:30 p.m.

General Session

March 19, 7:30 p.m.

Public Hearing  
(tentative)

March 26, 7:30 p.m.

General Session

### Meeting Replays

Mon., 7:30 p.m.

(if no live meeting)

Sun. and Tues., 7:30 p.m.

Daily, 1 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Sun. and Sat., 9 a.m.

### City Hall Report

Daily, 6 a.m., 8 a.m., noon,  
6 p.m., and 10 p.m.

### Mayor and Council Review

Daily, 7:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,  
6:30 p.m., and 10:30 p.m.

### Cityline

Daily, 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m.,  
and 12:30 p.m.

Wed.-Sat., 9:30 p.m.

### SPECIALS

#### Watts Branch

#### Watershed Study

Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.

Wed.-Sat., 1:30 p.m.,

8 p.m., and 11 p.m.

### Responsive and Responsible: Rockville City Government

Mon.-Fri., 9:30 a.m.

Wed.-Sat., 2 p.m. and  
8:30 p.m.

Sun., Mon., and Tues.,  
7 p.m.

### Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

Sun., Mon., and Tues.,  
1 p.m.

### Reaching Individual Self Empowerment (RISE)

Mon.-Fri., 10:30 a.m.

Wed.-Sat., 2:30 p.m. and  
7:30 p.m.

### Caregivers

Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.

Wed.-Sat., 1 p.m. and  
9 p.m.

Sun., Mon., and Tues.,  
11 p.m.

# Inside City Hall

## Meetings, Minutes, etc.

### Minutes Highlights

From the Jan. 8 and 22 meetings:

The Mayor and Council:

- Appointed: John Moser (Cultural Arts Commission); Geoffrey Becker, Thomas Lawrey, and Ann Reiss (Human Services Advisory Commission); Irving Shapiro (Personnel Appeals Board); Allan Gorrelick (Retirement Board); Stuart Crump (Senior Citizens Commission); F. Terry Baker, Charles S. Carroccio, and Robert Taylor (Recreation and Parks Advisory Board); and Robert Turner (Sign Review Board).
- Introduced and adopted an ordinance to amend section 1-8 of the Rockville City Code entitled *Application of County Law*, so as to allow chapter 31 of the Montgomery County Code entitled *New Home Warranty and Builder Licensing* to apply within the city with modifications and to make certain technical modifications to section 1-8.
- Introduced and adopted an ordinance to adopt text amendment application TXT2000-00185, Mayor and Council applicant, which would modify several sections of the zoning and planning ordinance related to drive-through uses.
- Adopted an ordinance to approve text amendment application TXT2000-00188, St. Mary's Church applicant, which would amend the zoning ordinance to allow a private religious educational institution to expand its facilities subject to site plan review by the Mayor and Council.
- Discussed and instructed staff on annexation petition ANX2000-0130, Wilkes Artis, attorneys for Susan K. Margelos, Rebecca Boyd, Patricia Oddo, and Somerford Corp. petitioners. The petition would enlarge the corporate boundaries by annexation of approximately 1.22 acres of land located at 9110 Darnestown Rd.
- Discussed, instructed staff on, and introduced an ordinance to adopt text amendment TXT2000-0189, Somerford Corp. applicant, which would amend the zoning ordinance to increase the permitted lot coverage for elderly housing.
- Awarded bid #45-01 to B&T Construction Inc., of Rockville, in the amount of \$1,047,900, for construction of the Croydon Creek Nature Center.
- Awarded bid #48-01 to Patriot Group Contractors, of Beltsville, Md., in the amount of \$577,777, for renovations and improvements to Elwood Smith Community Center.
- Awarded RFP #49-01 to Big Daddy Inc., of Huntington Beach, Calif., in an amount not to exceed \$67,278, for the design, construction, and installation of the Skate Park.
- Authorized the City Manager to execute appropriate documents releasing a portion or all of existing easements on the property located at the Tower Oaks south gateway complex as deemed appropriate by City staff in connection with the development of the property.
- Introduced an ordinance to amend chapter 13.5 of the Rockville City Code entitled *Moderately Priced Housing* to extend the Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit (MPDU) control period for both sale and rental units to 30 years, amend the provisions for rental rate calculations, provide a formula

for calculating rental rates in the MPDU regulations, provide a right of first refusal to Rockville Housing Enterprises for units offered for resale, and provide for priority marketing procedures for rental of multi-family MPDUs to senior citizens.

- Discussed, instructed, and authorized staff to file a Historic District sectional map amendment application to rezone the rear portion of the original eight acres of land of the former Woodlawn Hotel property and now known as Chestnut Lodge at 500 W. Montgomery Ave. from the R-S to R-S Historic District. The historic district will be extended to include the entire site.
- Discussed, instructed, and authorized staff to file a Historic District sectional map amendment application to rezone the extant barn and surrounding environment that was originally part of Rose Hill Farm/Mansion before it was sold to CPC Health Corp. The zoning will change from R-S to R-S Historic District and become part of the Rose Hill Mansion Historic District.

*The complete minutes from the Mayor and Council meetings are available from the City Clerk's Office, 111 Maryland Ave., or by calling 301-309-3310.*

### Mayor & Council Calendar

March 5 ..... Work Session

March 12 ..... General Session

March 19 ..... Public Hearing (tentative)

March 26 ..... General Session

All meetings, unless noted, are in the Mayor and Council Chambers, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., at 7:30 p.m.

Council meetings are televised live on *The Rockville Channel* (ch. 11). Meetings are replayed at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays, if there is no live meeting scheduled; Sundays and Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.; daily at 1 a.m. and 3 p.m.; and Saturdays and Sundays at 9 a.m.

### Mayor & Council Drop-In

The Mayor and one member of the Council are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis, in the Mayor and Council Office at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., from 5:30-7 p.m. on Mondays when there is a General Session or a Public Hearing. The front door of City Hall will remain open during this time.

March 12 ..... Bob Wright

March 19 (tentative) ..... Bob Dorsey

March 26 ..... Glennon Harrison

While Drop-In is on a first-come, first-served basis, visitors are urged to call 301-309-3310 ahead of time so we are better prepared to serve your needs and to verify the meeting schedule.

### Vacancies

**Animal Matters Board (one vacancy):** This three-member board mediates petitions; provides recommendations to the Chief of Police and animal review official; provides education and counseling on responsible ownership, maintenance, and treatment of animals; and provides advice and recommendations to the Mayor and Council on matters related to the care, training, maintenance, and regulation of animals within the city.

Members serve for three years, and one member shall be a veterinarian or have training and/or experience in the proper training and care of animals.

### Human Services Advisory Commission (one at-large and one consumer vacancy):

This nine-member commission provides advice and guidance to the Mayor and Council on human service needs in Rockville and how best to address them. It monitors changes in human needs in the city, assists the Mayor and Council in deciding appropriate City roles and priorities concerning human services, and participates in oversight and evaluation to ensure accountability and cost-effectiveness of City and outside providers of human services. They also may study specific human service-related problems. Members serve over-lapping three-year terms.

**Recreation and Park Advisory Board (two vacancies):** Members of this nine-member body encourage the development of desirable recreation and park facilities in the city and recommend programs for young people and adults that reflect the needs of citizens. As a result of the Mayor and Council's Youth Initiative, one youth serves as a member of the board. Members serve for overlapping two-year terms.

*If you wish to serve on a citizen's board or commission, call the City Clerk at 301-309-3310 for an Expression of Interest Form.*

### Boards & Commissions Calendar

All meetings are at City Hall, unless noted. Please call the City Clerk's Office at 301-309-3310 to verify the schedule of meetings.

**March 3, 9 a.m.**

Board of Appeals

**March 13, 7:30 p.m.**

Human Services Advisory Commission,  
Lincoln Park Community Center

**March 13, 7:30 p.m.**

Science, Technology, and Environment  
Commission

**March 14, 7:30 p.m.**

Cultural Arts Commission

**March 14 and 28, 7 p.m.**

Planning Commission

**March 15, 7:30 p.m.**

Sister City Corp.

**March 15, 5 p.m.**

Board of Supervisors of Elections

**March 20, 7:30 p.m.**

Rockville Seniors Inc., Senior Center

**March 20, 7 p.m.**

Historic District Commission

**March 21, 6:30 p.m.**

Rockville Housing Enterprises,  
14 Moore Dr.

**March 22, 7 p.m.**

Recreation and Park Advisory Board,  
Pump House

**March 22, 10 a.m.**

Senior Commission, Senior Center

**March 27, 5:30 p.m.**

Landlord/Tenant Affairs Commission

**March 27, 7:30 p.m.**

Traffic and Transportation Commission

**March 28, 7:30 p.m.**

Human Rights Commission